

DENTAL BOARD[650]**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.39, the Dental Board amends Chapter 22, “Dental Assistant Radiography Qualification,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment allows outside training providers to develop and submit their own dental assisting radiography qualification examinations for approval, increases the number of outside testing locations where applicants for dental assisting radiography qualification can take the board-approved examinations, and increases the number of dental assisting radiography examinations available to applicants. The amendment also sets 50 as the minimum number of questions for the examination, specifies that the examinations must be administered in a proctored setting, and establishes a minimum passing rate of 75 percent or better.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on February 1, 2017, as **ARC 2923C**. A public hearing was held on February 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the office of the Iowa Dental Board. There were no attendees at the public hearing, nor were any written comments received. In addition, the Board reviewed and discussed the proposed amendment during its January 27, 2017, open-session board meeting and allowed additional comments from the public. This amendment is identical to the one published under Notice.

This amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is a positive impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.39.

This amendment will become effective July 26, 2017.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 650—22.5(136C,153) as follows:

650—22.5(136C,153) Examination requirements. An applicant for dental assistant radiography qualification shall successfully pass a board-approved examination in dental radiography.

~~22.5(1) Examinations approved by the board are those administered by the board or board’s approved testing centers or, if taken after January 1, 1986, the Dental Assisting National Board Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination.~~ Examinations must be prior approved by the board and must be administered in a proctored setting. All board-approved examinations must have a minimum of 50 questions. The Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Examination is an approved examination.

22.5(2) A score of 75 percent or better on ~~the board~~ a board-approved examination shall be considered successful completion of the examination. The board accepts the passing standard established by the Dental Assisting National Board for applicants who take the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Examination.

22.5(3) Information on taking ~~the~~ a board-approved examination may be obtained by contacting the board office at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687.

22.5(4) A dental assistant must meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board’s approved dental assistant testing centers.

22.5(5) A dental assistant who fails to successfully complete ~~the~~ a board-approved examination after two attempts will be required to submit, prior to each subsequent examination attempt, proof of additional formal education in dental radiography in a program approved by the board or sponsored by a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

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